

The EPA Report

Announcements from Region 9 Programs



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Clean Water Act (CWA) Training for Tribes

- EPA has launched a new centralized website for information on upcoming EPA-sponsored CWA training sessions for tribes nationwide
- See: <http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/>
- Contact: Vijay Limaye at 415-972-3442 or limaye.vijay@epa.gov



STORET/WQX Training for Tribes

- **When:** November 18-19, 2008
- **For who:** Tribes in Region 9
- **Where:** Region 9 Office, San Francisco, CA
- **More information and to register go to:**
<http://snipurl.com/wqx-epa>
- **Contact:** Vijay Limaye at 415-972-3442 or
limaye.vijay@epa.gov

Tribal Air Funding

- Thirty FY09 grants began October 1, 2008
- Announcement for FY10 funds-October 2008 and are due to EPA in January 2009
- Tribes will be notified of their funding status after EPA receives final tribal allocation—Spring 2009 (tentatively)
- Contact: Sara Bartholomew at 415-947-4100 or bartholomew.sara@epa.gov



Greenhouse Gas Rulemaking

- In June 2008, EPA published an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) on greenhouse gas emissions (GHG)
- EPA is soliciting comments on how to regulate GHG under the Clean Air Act
- EPA sent letters to all tribal Chairmen in September 2008 asking for their input
- The comment period ends November 28, 2008
- Contact: Ben Machol at 415-972-3770 or machol.ben@epa.gov



Lead Standard

- EPA proposed to strengthen the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for lead in May 2008 from:
1.5 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
to within the range of $0.10 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ to $0.30 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
- The proposed standard would improve health protection for at-risk groups, especially children
- The comment period ended August 4, 2008
- EPA published the final rule on October 15, 2008
- Contact: Ginger Vagenas at 415-972-3964 or vagenas.ginger@epa.gov



Particulate Matter Designations

- In 2007 EPA finalized a more stringent PM_{2.5} NAAQS
- To implement the standard, EPA asked states and tribes to provide recommendations on which areas meet the new standard and which do not
- Three Region 9 tribes submitted recommendations
- EPA notified states and tribes concerning any modifications to their recommendations in July 2008
- EPA will issue final 24-hour PM_{2.5} designations by December 18, 2008
- Contact: Colleen McKaughan at 520-498-0118 or mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov



Ozone Standard Implementation

- In March 2008 EPA proposed a more stringent Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)
- Many R9 tribes are located in areas that do not meet the new standard
- States and tribes will be required to make recommendations to EPA about areas that meet or do not meet this new standard by March 2009
- EPA will make a final determination by March 2010 and Region 9 will work with tribes during the designations process
- Contact: Colleen Mckaughan at 520-498-0118 or mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov



Lead Region for Tribal Solid Waste

- Region 9 has been selected as the sub-Lead Region for Tribal Solid Waste
- Began on October 1, 2008 - effective for two years
- The Team will be working with the RTOC Workgroup as well as the national EPA office to identify priorities and focus areas
- Contact Heather White at 415-972-3384 or white.heather@epa.gov



New Solid Waste Outreach Documents

- 'Print and Fill' documents for Tribal Communities
 - Where your Waste Goes (general management)
 - Household Hazardous Waste
 - Don't Trash Our Land (illegal dumping)
- To download/print copies, please visit www.epa.gov/region09/waste/outreach
- Contact: Heather White at 415-972-3384 or white.heather@epa.gov



New EPA grant for UST

- **Title:** Underground Storage Tank Compliance Assistance and Training Support in Indian Country (RFP NO: EPA-OSWER-OUST-08-11)
- **Due Date:** Must be RECEIVED by November 3, 2008, 5:00 p.m. EST
- **Summary:** To provide tribal governments with training, compliance assistance, and collaborative opportunities.
- **Funding Amount:** The estimated funding available is ~\$2,000,000
- **Contact:** Mary Keil at + 415-972-3365 or keil.mary@epa.gov



FY09 GAP Application Process & Funding Level

- The FY09 GAP Notification will be distributed at the GAP session on Wednesday, October 23, 2008.
- You can access the notification at: www.epa.gov/region09/indian
- All FY09 proposals must be submitted into electronic GAP Online system
- If a Tribe does not have internet access, please contact your GAP Project Officer for further instructions
- GAP funding is expected to remain at the same level as last year for the new fiscal year
- Contact: Veronica Swann at 415-972-3699 or swann.veronica@epa.gov



Tribal Travel Fund

- **Purpose:** to pay for unexpected GAP-eligible travel
- **Who can use the fund:** tribal environmental program staff, tribal government members, and limited number of tribal invitees
- **Trip Limit:** 8 per fiscal year per tribe
- **Process:**
 - 1) Email your form to Tribal_travel@epa.gov
 - 2) Mail original receipts w/ form to OVIWC
- **Contacts:** **Erica Yelensky** at 415-972-3021 or yelensky.eric@epa.gov, or **Rosanna Marrujo** at 760-873-3300 or travel@oviwc.com

2009 RTOC Meeting Information

- **Winter RTOC**

- When: February 3-5, 2009
- Where: San Carlos, AZ
- Host: San Carlos Apache Tribe

- **Summer RTOC**

- When: July 28-30, 2009
- Host: EPA
- Where: Oakland, CA (tent)

- **Spring RTOC**

- When: April 28-30, 2009
- Where: Oakland, CA (tent)
- Host: EPA

- **Fall RTOC**

- When: October 19-20, 2008
- Where: Tucson, AZ
- Host: Tohono O'odham Nation

- For more information:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc/upcoming.html>

- Contact: Tina Davis at 415-972-3784 or davis.tina@epa.gov



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Process for hosting RTOC

If your tribe would like to host an upcoming RTOC meeting, please follow these steps:

1. Seek Tribal Council preliminary approval to host, prior to contacting Tribal Co-Chair
2. Contact RTOC Tribal Co-Chair, Dan Mosley at 775-574-0101 x11 to notify him of your interest
3. Seek final Tribal Council approval to host
4. EPA RTOC Manager Tina Davis will then contact you with guidance on hosting the RTOC

- Contact: Tina Davis at 415-972-3784 or davis.tina@epa.gov



18th Annual Tribal EPA Conference, 2010: Call for Host

- Apply to host the Conference as a separate GAP Grant proposal, details are included in the GAP notification
- **Date:** TBD by host tribe and EPA
- **Location:** San Francisco, CA
- **Contact:** Pamela Overman at 415-972-3781 or overman.pamela@epa.gov

Announcing New Staff in EPA Region 9 Tribal Program Office

- Two positions have been filled:
- The TPO welcomes **Laura Mayo** and **Morena Villanueva**
- They will be working with tribes in Nevada and California
- Current list of PO and assigned tribes is available at RTOC and Conference
- Contact: Jean Gamache at 415-972-3554 or gamache.jean@epa.gov

January 2008 TAS Strategy online

- Strategy for Reviewing Tribal Eligibility Applications to Administer EPA Regulatory Programs including Water and Air now online at:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/docs/strategy-for-reviewing-applications-for-tas-01-23-08.pdf>

Recruitment opportunities EPA

- Please take a flyer to post at your tribal office!
- EPA is seeking qualified candidates for the Federal Career Intern Program (FCIP). The FCIP offers valuable work experience and you may be eligible for permanent employment after successfully completing the 2-year program
- To be eligible for this opportunity you must have graduated from college or are graduating by December 2008
- You must submit your resume to Heidi Acquisti by e-mail to acquisti.heidi@epa.gov or by fax to 415-947-8024 on 10/31/08
- Contact: Region 9 Human Resources at 415-972-3817

New Requirements to Protect Children from Lead-Based Paint Hazards

- To further protect children from exposure to lead-based paint, EPA recently issued new rules for contractors who renovate or repair housing, child-care facilities or schools built before 1978
- The "*Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting Program*" rule, taking effect in April 2010, prohibits work practices creating lead hazards
- The rule covers all rental housing and non-rental homes where children under six (6) and pregnant mothers reside
- Contact: David Tomsovic at 415-972-3858 or tomsovic.david@epa.gov

For more information...

Visit the R9 EPA, RTOC website at:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html>

Visit the Tribal Program Monthly Newsletter at:
http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newsletter.html

Email Maria Castain at castain.maria@epa.gov or see her
today to be added to our mailing list.

